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1. THERE FOLLOWS TEXT OF PAPER GIVEN AMBASSADOR 4 NOVEMBER
BY EC COMMISSIONER GUNDELACH. SINCE MATTER CONTINUES UNDER DIS-
CUSSION AND SINCE THERE HAS BEEN NO DISTRIBUTION OUTSIDE
COMMISSION, PAPER SHOULD BE HANDLED AS NOFORN/NO PRESS.

2. BEGIN TEXT. (1) WITH REFERENCE TO THE BOUT DE PAPIER
HANDED BY MR. GALLAGHER TO MR. MORRIS ON 8 OCTOBER THE COMMISSION
CONFIRMS FULLY THE POINTS MADE IN PARAGRAPHS 2 TO 6 OF THAT
TEXT.

(2) AS REGARDS, IN PARTICULAR, THE QUESTION, COVERED IN PARA-
GRAPH 2 OF THAT PAPER, OF WHETHER THE PRESENT SYSTEM OF
SUPPLEMENTARY LEVIES LEADS TO UNCERTAINTY PREJUDICIAL TO THIRD
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COUNTRY EXPORTS TO THE COMMUNITY, THE COMMISSION CONSIDERS THAT

THE REPRESENT REGULATIONS DO NOT IN PRACTICE CREATE PROBLEMS
FOR POULTRY EN ROUTE TO THE COMMUNITY FROM THE US SINCE:

-- SUPPLEMENTARY LEVIES ARE, UNDER NORMAL CIRCUMSTANCES,
FIXED AT REASONABLE INTERVALS;

-- THE SUPPLEMENTARY LEVY FIXED IS BASED ON REPRESENTATIVE
PRICE OFFERS OVER A PAST PERIOD;

-- THE SYSTEM WORKS IN THE PERIOD BETWEEN
THE OCCURRENCE OF A LOW FREE-AT-FRONTIER PRICE AND ITS
EFFECT ON THE SUPPLEMENTARY LEVY IS OF BETWEEN 3 AND 5
WEEKS, WHICH CONSIDERABLY EXCEEDS THE NORMAL SHIPMENT
PERIOD;

-- WHEN CHANGES DO OCCUR, FURTHERMORE, THEY ARE ON THE
BASIS OF DATA WHICH OUGHT TO BE WELL KNOWN TO TRADE
SUFFICIENTLY IN ADVANCE, SINCE THEY ARE THE CLOSEST TO
THE MARKET PLACE;

-- EXPERIENCE SHOWS THAT VARIATIONS IN PRACTICE ONLY OCCUR
AT INTERVALS OF SEVERAL MONTHS, MORE FREQUENT CHANGES
ARE RARE;

-- THIS PRACTICE IS ONLY DEPARTED FROM WHEN EXCEPTIONALLY
LARGE OFFERS SUDDENLY OCCUR AT VERY LOW PRICES:

(3) TO CHANGE THE SYSTEM IN THE WAY SUGGESTED BY THE US
AUTHORITIES WOULD REQUIRE MODIFICATIONS OF BASIC COMMUNITY
REGULATIONS BY THE COUNCIL AFTER CONSULTATION OF THE EUROPEAN
PARLIAMENT. IT WOULD IMPLY THE INTRODUCTION OF A SYSTEM
OF IMPORT CERTIFICATES ON INDIVIDUAL CARGOES FROM
INDIVIDUAL EXPORTING COUNTRIES IN ORDER TO CONTROL THE
APPLICATION OF LEVIES AND SUPPLEMENTARY LEVIES. THIS
WOULD CREATE CONSIDERABLE ADMINISTRATIVE PROBLEMS FROM THE
POINT OF VIEW BOTH OF CUSTOMS CONTROL AND MARKET MANAGEMENT.
IT WOULD ALSO INCREASE THE RISK OF DISCRIMINATION BETWEEN
INDIVIDUAL EXPORTING COUNTRIES. MOREOVER, THE COMMUNITY
INSTITUTIONS WOULD HAVE TO CONSIDER THE REPERCUSSIONS OF
SUCH FUNDAMENTAL CHANGE ON OTHER IMPORTANT SECTORS OF
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(4) ON THE QUESTION OF THE COEFFICIENTS USED TO DERIVE
SLUICE-GATE PRICES FOR CERTAIN TURKEY PARTS, THE COMMISSION
IS PREPARED TO PUT AN AMENDED PROPOSAL TO THE POULTRY
MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE. THE FOLLOWING FIGURES COMPARE WITH
THE COEFFICIENTS CURRENTLY IN FORCE:

OLD COEFFICIENTS POSSIBLE

NEW

COEFFICIENTS

DRUM STICKS 0.90 0.76

THIGHS 1.55 1.35

BREASTS 1.65 1.60

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